

REMARKS

Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, claims 18 to 22 and 24 to 31 are pending in the application.

This application is a divisional of prior Application No. 09/423,563 filed November 10, 1999 which is a 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/JP99/01165 filed March 10, 1999.

New independent claim 24 corresponds to original independent claim 11 with the phrase "the outside of" appearing at line 3 of original independent claim 11 deleted.

New dependent claim 25 corresponds to original dependent claim 12 with the phrase "which is ... a bottom plate" appearing at the last 2 lines of original dependent claim 12 deleted.

New dependent claim 26 corresponds to original dependent claim 13.

New dependent claim 27 corresponds to original dependent claim 14.

New independent claim 28 corresponds to original independent claim 15 with the phrase "the outside of" appearing at line 3 of original independent claim 15 deleted and with the phrase "which is ... the bottom plate" appearing at the last two lines of original independent claim 15 deleted.

New dependent claim 29 corresponds to original dependent claim 16.

New dependent claim 30 corresponds to original dependent claim 17.

New independent claim 31 corresponds to original independent claim 23 with the phrase "or closed" appearing at line 3 of original independent claim 31 deleted.

New matter is not being presented by the present amendment.

CONCLUSION

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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